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**AMERICAN NURSES ASSOCIATION RECOGNIZES THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF
MEN IN NURSING WITH THE (ANA) LUTHER CHRISTMAN AWARD**

SILVER SPRING, MD – The American Nurses Association (ANA) acknowledges the valuable role of men in nursing with the establishment of the Luther Christman Award. The Luther Christman award recognizes the significant contribution an individual man has made to the nursing profession. It is named in honor of Dr. Luther Christman and his outstanding service to advancing the nursing profession.

“Luther Christman is a visionary leader in nursing,” remarked ANA President Rebecca M. Patton, MSN, RN, CNOR. “ANA is proud to recognize his significant contributions to nursing with this award; our hope is that all the nominees embody the drive and commitment to excellence exemplified by Luther Christman’s career.”

Dr. Luther Christman has been a champion for improving professional nursing practice and elevating the educational level of the nursing profession throughout his 65 year career. He was the founder and dean of the Rush University College of Nursing. Christman strongly supports the recruitment of more men into the nursing profession, and founded the American Assembly for Men in Nursing. For his contributions, he became the first man in nursing to be inducted into the American Nurses Association’s Hall of Fame in 2004.

ANA is proud to pay tribute to nurses and “friends of nursing” through its honorary awards program. Since the early 1900s, ANA has presented awards recognizing outstanding contributions to the nursing profession and the field of health care. There are currently 14 national awards to honor individuals who foster high standards of nursing; stimulate and promote the professional development of registered nurses and advance their economic and general welfare; and work for the improvement of health standards and the availability of health care services to all people.

Nominations for all 14 awards are open until September 14, 2007. Additional information on the awards criteria and nomination process can be found on the ANA website at www.nursingworld.org/awards or by contacting Debra G. Evans, Senior Governance Specialist, Leadership and Library Services at debra.evans@ana.org

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The ANA is the only full-service professional organization representing the interests of the nation's 2.9 million registered nurses through its 54 constituent member nurses associations. The ANA advances the nursing profession by fostering high standards of nursing practice, promoting the rights of nurses in the workplace, projecting a positive and realistic view of nursing, and by lobbying the Congress and regulatory agencies on health care issues affecting nurses and the public.